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1. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art neither teaches nor suggests: the claimed process comprising a lower alkyl carboxylic acid moiety in the form of a lower alkyl carboxylic acid anion (claim 2); the claimed process wherein said anti-corrosion agent and said material capable of forming a moisture retentive barrier over a surface of said metal are in powdered form (claim 4); the claimed process wherein said anti-corrosion agent is packaged for delayed release (claim 8); the claimed process in which the lower alkyl carboxylic acid moiety is derived from a C1-C6 carboxylate (claim 17); the claimed process in which the composition further comprises a benzoic moiety (claim 27); the claimed process wherein said lower alkyl carboxylic acid moiety comprises a propionic anion, and wherein the composition further comprises a 2,4-trans,trans-hexadienoic anion and a benzoic anion (claim 28); the claimed process in which the agent comprises a C1-C6 carboxylic acid moiety in the form of a propionate anion (claim 30).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on July 16, 2004, has been considered by the Examiner. See attached.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Varley et al., US 5,614,268 A, teaches a process in which an anti-corrosion coating is applied to the surface of a metal, but fails to teach or suggest the limitations recited above.

/William Phillip Fletcher III/
Primary Examiner